

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Chicago Police Officer Donald J. Marquez, who tragically
5 died in the line of duty on March 19, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald J. Marquez, a 20-year veteran of the
7 Chicago Police Department, was the pride of the Back of the
8 Yards community and especially proud of his roots in his
9 tough South Side neighborhood; he was the third of six
10 children born to Daniel and Mary Marquez; among his many
11 friends while growing up was Matt Rodriguez, who became
12 superintendent of the Chicago Police Department; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduating from Kelly High School, Officer
14 Marquez worked as a sheet-metal worker, but after seeing
15 close friends die because of gang violence, he turned his
16 thoughts to becoming a police officer; and

17 WHEREAS, Donald Marquez joined the Chicago Police
18 Department in February, 1982; he worked as a tactical
19 officer, a gang crimes investigator, and a mass transit
20 officer before being assigned to the Chicago corporation
21 counsel's office several months ago; and

22 WHEREAS, During his career, Officer Marquez received
23 three department commendations and several honorable mentions
24 for his police work; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer Marquez was the family comedian who did
26 a side-splitting imitation of Marlon Brando from "The
27 Godfather"; when he entered a room, the whole place lit up;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The passing of Officer Donald J. Marquez will be
30 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
31 wife, Maria; his children, Maria (Anthony) Trinidad, Carla,

1 Alana, and Donald Jr.; his grandson, Anthony Santino
2 Trinidad; his parents, Daniel and Mary Marquez; his brothers,
3 Daniel (Ellen), David (Marianne), and Dean (Karen); his
4 sisters, Donna Isunza and Dee (Mark) Jobe; his nieces; his
5 nephews; his cousins and additional family; and his many
6 friends and colleagues at the Chicago Police Department; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Marquez will be remembered as an honest,
8 hard-working cop who died a hero in his efforts to make the
9 City of Chicago a safer place for all; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 all who knew him, the death of Chicago Police Office Donald
13 J. Marquez of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Officer Donald J. Marquez with our
16 sincere condolences.